

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention provides a camera for monitoring using power line communication, and transmitting the state of a monitoring area during power stoppage to a master set after the power stoppage is restored even when the supply of electric power is interrupted by the power stoppage.

A power monitoring section detects the interruption of AC electric power from the power line, and switches operating power within the camera to power from a secondary battery. A control section sets the entire control of the camera to a mode at the power stopping time. The operation of a picture section is controlled so as to pick-up one static image every constant time, and the picture section sequentially stores the picked-up static image to a data storage section. A voice section stops an operation for collecting a sound. The control section stops communication with a master set. When the AC electric power is restored from the power line, the operating power is switched to the electric power from the power line. When a user utilizing the master set knows the restoration of the power, the user gives commands for reading image information stored during the power stoppage to the camera for monitoring, and monitors the state during the interruption of the AC electric power retroactively to the past.